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Ashida Put In Gaol

Tokyo, Dec. 7.—Former Premier Hiroshi Ashida was jailed by the Tokyo Procurement Office on Tuesday. He is charged with accepting bribes from a contractor while in office. From his cell, Ashida announced he would be on parole for re-election to the Diet despite the scandal surrounding his recent administration. Ashida's Cabinet resigned last October 6 after investigation into a Government loan of nearly 3,000,000,000 yen to the Showa Denka Fertiliser Company. Shigeru Yoshida returned as Premier. Ashida acknowledged receiving unspecified sums of money while Premier but declared it was a "legitimate political contribution," not a bribe. Associated Press.

Refugees Flowing Into Canton

Canton, Dec. 8.—North and Central China refugees are estimated to be entering Canton at the rate of a thousand daily by train alone, in addition to the many who come by air and sea. Ample evidence of the increase in population is provided by crowded streets, hotels, restaurants and public places of entertainment. Merchants and industrialists have also flocked here from the north and it is reported that those in the cotton yarn business have transferred all their capital assets here—estimated to total well over HK\$150,000,000.

RUMOURS PERSIST

Meanwhile, the spate of rumours regarding the shifting of China's capital to the south continues unabated. Despite Kwangtung Governor Chiang Kai-shek's statement that the capital would remain in Nanking.

It is believed that though Canton may become a co-capital, the main seat of the Government, if it moves, would be situated in Kwangtung capital of Kwangtung Province, which served as one of General Chiang Kai-shek's 14th Air Force bases during the late war.

Political observers think that the Government considers Kwangtung more suitable than Canton as the strategic advantages of the former outstrip the economic advantages and port facilities of the latter. It is held that Kwangtung, with its good airfields, provides a better bastion than Canton, which is nearer to Chungking and Kunning. Two further havens—should Kwangtung be ever menaced.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Neglected Press

"EXERCISE FULFILL" burst over Hongkong with almost the suddenness of a real attack. The first many people heard of it was the wailing of riot squad sirens on Monday morning. The first, and only, notification given to the Press was a short official announcement at noon on Saturday—when it was too late to organise effective coverage. If there is ever a real "state of emergency" in Hongkong the public will have a right to information. And they will look to the newspapers for that information. Properly handled, "Exercise Fulfill" could have given the authorities valuable experience of co-operation with the Press. The Government has a public relations branch which must have been alive to the importance of the exercise, so it can only be assumed that the Press was deliberately left out of the arrangements. News-reports should have been wanted at the time to assign reporters to the exercise; these reporters should have been officially accredited to Operational Headquarters and should have had the nature of the exercise explained to them in time for the information to have been passed on to the public. That this was not done is important in another way. There has been much criticism, not only locally, but in London, of official unpopularity for the Communist propaganda in the East, and questions have been asked about the Press. Here was an excellent opportunity to silence the critics and win

U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARRIVING FOR NATIONALISTS

Blockbuster Bombs Spotted In Soochow Creek

Shanghai, Dec. 7.—The first shiploads of arms to China from the United States under the \$125,000,000 military aid programme are arriving in Tsingtao, Tientsin and Shanghai. Visible proof is in the shape of 2,000-pound blockbuster bombs aboard a junk fleet anchored in Soochow Creek, directly in front of the U.S. Army Shanghai headquarters in Broadway Mansions.

A few days ago the entire dock area where the U.S. Army transport, Republic, docked, was surrounded by thousands of cases of plane parts, machine-guns and ammunition which had to be moved from the docks before the Republic could be loaded.

It was known that some supplies bought under the military aid programme from U.S. supplies and services in the Pacific islands are being diverted directly to General Fu Tsi-yi for the battle of North China. The picture of the shiploads of ammunition lying at Shanghai docks is not a new addition to the Chinese war scene. Delays of days, sometimes weeks, in relaying war materials from the Shanghai docks to the war fronts—even materials urgently needed by field commands—were due directly to treaties held by foreign governments with the Chinese government which ban foreign shipping from inland waters.

Thus, shiploads of anything coming to China destined for inland or on the coast must be unloaded in Shanghai and piled at docks, godowns or aboard junks and lighters where they await the leisure of Chinese shipping concerns in relaying the supplies to where they can be moved direct to the battle-front.

Shipping concerns—including the government-managed China Merchants Steam Navigation Company—can so prevent that they have been able to prevent any which may open up rivers and coast ports to the United States and other foreign ships, even if they are confined to relief and military supplies.

QUALIFIES PROMISE

It was recalled that the new Premier, Dr Sun Fo, in an interview with the United Press, said one of the first things he would seek would be the opening of rivers to U.S. shipping. On the following day Dr Sun Fo was visited by shipping representatives which resulted in Dr Sun Fo qualifying his proposal to include relief and arms ships only. The desperate situation facing military commanders in North, Central and Eastern China was indicated in appeals coming direct from Provincial Councils, Governors and Commanders to Major General Claire L. Chennault in support of either his plan to re-establish the Flying Tigers or a modified version which would give frontline com-

manders the support which they need acutely. General Fu Tsi-yi, Shanxi Governor and commander Yen Hsi-shan, the Hopei Provincial Council and others relayed their requests to General Chennault for aid. General Chennault told the United Press that he was not notified yet that his plan was written off in Washington.

But General Chennault added that before he could proceed with a selection of American personnel needed, it would be necessary for the State Department to give "disposition" from the liability of prosecution rule that Americans cannot fight for foreign governments. General Chennault is still convinced that it is not too late for the Nationalist armies to turn the tide if two things are done:

NOT TOO LATE

1. Abandon positional warfare and fight the Reds with their own game. 2. Give ground forces proper support aerially either through the new Flying Tiger setup or overall Chinese Air Force war methods. Pointing to the arrival of the first shipments of arms under the U.S. military aid programme, General Chennault said they have been months in arriving but it is still not too late to help the government if these arms are thrown into the battle at the right time, right place and in the right way.

A United Press correspondent accompanied a U.S. Army major who inspected the ungoverned blockbuster and who was angry at the carelessness in handling a floating ammunition dump which he said could level the 18-story mansions to the ground if the bombs were set off. He growled, "Any Red in Shanghai could start the bombs going." He recalled the Labour Day weekend when a cargo of 50-pound bombs showed up at the same spot, requiring a strong U.S. Army protest to the Chinese government before it was moved away.

Half a mile away, the U.S. cruiser, Agostini, the communications ship, Henrico, and the British cruiser, HMS. Gloucester, were anchored. Crew members on the Henrico shuddered when informed of an explosive cargo riding on ungoverned junks. Not even an ordinary policeman was in sight, let alone military personnel. United Press.

WARFRONT NEWS

REDS BEING TRAPPED GOVT CLAIMS

Shanghai, December 8.—Pro-Government reports today claimed that 20 Communist columns numbering 350,000 men are being encircled in a 40-mile sector between Sushien and Kucheng.

Central News claimed that the government planer named by Army groups from Hsuehchow is closing on Sushien while another strong force from Pengpu is closing in on Kucheng. Central News admitted that the earlier claim of the capture of Kucheng was premature. It declared that Communist forces "fell into the trap" decoyed by General Huang Wei's Army group which lured several Red columns to between Sushien and Kucheng "to be sandwiched by government troops."

It said a decisive battle is beginning in North China, the battle of East Hopei is shaping up with government forces trying to hold the Peiping-Mukden railway line. Reports said that Communist probing attacks on the Tangshan-Kucheng area were repulsed after brisk fighting. United Press.

TSOHSIEN SHELLED

Tientsin, Dec. 7.—Tsohsien, the scene of the main Nationalist concentration along the Peiping-Hankow railway line following the evacuation of the provincial capital of Peiping, was shelled by the Communists last night who continued their attack today. Situated 25 miles south of Peiping, Tsohsien, formerly called Tsochow, was where General Fu Tsi-yi had originally gained fame. Hostilities on the Peiping-Kupukow railway continued this morning around Niuanshan. The Tientsin-Peiping railway continued (Continued on Page 5)

KWANGTUNG "BANDITS" ROB VILLAGES

Canton, Dec. 8.—News of serious "banditry" in one area of Northern Kwangtung and in another along the East River has reached Canton.

Strong forces of "bandits" are reported to have occupied considerable hilly country close to a village in the Yangshan district of Northern Kwangtung.

These marauders are said to be indulging in widespread pillaging, in addition to heavily taxing passing travellers and road transport.

Some 600 "bandits" are also reported to be operating in the eastern sector of the East River district of Poklo, where they are robbing villages.

It is also reported that the bandits here are preventing villagers from paying the Government taxes.—Reuter.

Lives, Not Property To Be Protected

Disappointed U.S. Businessmen

Shanghai, Dec. 7.—It was reliably learned that the U.S. Navy in China thus far is acting under orders to protect only American lives in China, not property, meaning that American-owned property in the Shanghai area alone, valued at upwards of US\$100,000,000, is certainly endangered, possibly lost, if and when the Communists capture the city.

It was understood that Naval officials and State Department officials here at present are conferring regarding recommendations to Washington, hopeful of some change which will enable the protection of at least major American installations, such as the Shanghai Light and Power Co., Telephone and others essential to the maintenance of health.

The majority of American firms are carrying on a day to day basis in the hope that something may develop to help them continue their businesses, some of which have been scores of years in the developing.

The National City Bank's Shanghai branch is continuing business as usual but "temporarily" closed the Tientsin branch. The Chase Bank and British banks are maintaining branches in Tientsin, hoping that the Communists will not capture the city or, if they do, will permit foreign banks to continue operations.

EVACUATION PLANS

United Press dispatches stating that the Washington attitude is still one that Americans who want to continue business in China may do so at their own risk, disappointed businessmen who had hoped for a statement that business would be protected with the strongest measures.

In the meantime, plans to evacuate additional Americans are continuing. The Consulate announced that a US warship large enough to carry all wishing to go will sail to Sasebo, Japan, on the 15th. It said that military accommodations at reasonable charges are available at Sasebo where the refugees can remain for a limited period pending further plans. They will be allowed some freedom of movement in Japan.

It is presumed that accommodations at Sasebo are those formerly housing the British Commonwealth occupation forces which recently were sharply reduced. It is believed that there are accommodations for several thousand refugees at Sasebo. Feeding and other camp service, presumably, would be provided by the United States Eighth Army which is in charge of the Sasebo area.

Indicative of the attitude of the Americans in Shanghai, the Evening Post in an editorial pleaded with Washington to announce a "last ditch fight for the preservation of the American stake in China, both business and missionary, on the theory that continued contact with the Chinese people is essential to

Marshall Undergoes Operation

KIDNEY REMOVED

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, underwent a major operation on Tuesday and informed sources said one of his kidneys was removed.

"The operation was successful. The Secretary is doing excellently. No complications are anticipated," the Army's Walter Reed Hospital reported shortly after the operation.

The seriousness of the surgery came as a surprise. The State Department and his associates have insisted that Mr. Marshall, who will be 68 on December 31, was in the hospital merely for a physical checkup.

The report that the operation was successful and his associates have insisted that Mr. Marshall will remain in President Truman's Cabinet.

FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Whether or not Mr. Truman's chief adviser in international affairs will continue long as Secretary of State presumably will depend on the speed and ease of his recovery.

During the three to five weeks usually required for convalescence after such an operation, Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett will run the State Department.

Rumours about Mr. Marshall's health have been widespread during much of the time he has been Secretary of State.

It was revealed on Tuesday that the kidney condition was discovered last summer and doctors wanted to operate at that time.

But Mr. Marshall decided to delay the operation because of pressing world conditions. The latest major situation requiring his attention was the United Nations meeting in Paris.—Associated Press.

Small Mutiny In Korea

Seoul, Dec. 8.—A Korean Army spokesman said on Tuesday a small mutiny broke out late on Monday at Togu, 150 miles south-east of Seoul, and was promptly suppressed.

He said one loyal officer and two rebel soldiers were killed when 20 rebels tried to seize an ammunition truck. The rebels were driven into the hills.

The spokesman gave no reason for the mutiny. The larger South Korean uprising in October was blamed on Korean Communists.—Associated Press.

President Truman To Receive Madame Chiang Kai-Shek On Friday

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Harry Truman will meet with Madame Chiang Kai-shek next Friday, the White House announced on Tuesday. Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said the wife of China's Generalissimo will be the guest of President and Mrs. Truman at 5 o'clock tea.

Madame Chiang will be accompanied to the Blair House, the temporary residence of President and Mrs. Truman, by Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State. Mr. Ross was asked whether Mr. Truman would hold separate conferences with Madame Chiang as well as receiving her for tea. He replied that all he knew was that she was arriving in Washington.

Asked whether other guests would be present, Mr. Ross replied: "No." Madame Chiang is in the United States on an unofficial mission of seeking aid for China's hard-pressed Nationalist Government.

Mr. Truman told a news conference last Thursday that he already had arranged a meeting with Madame Chiang, but she declined at that time to say when it would occur.

Major American firms, meanwhile, are reported planning to keep their branches in Shanghai operating regardless of the course of the China crisis.

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WOMANSENSE CHASING AUSTERITY FROM THE FASHION SCENE

Written and Illustrated By
JOAN WHITE



SPANISH influence. Black
velvet tricornes, with knotted
black velvet scarf, worn with a
scarlet tent coat.

Around The Town

with Mercia
Hillaly

MRS E. Piercy flew from
England to attend the
wedding of her son, Kenneth
Charles, and Miss Joan Kenniff,
which took place at St Joseph's
Church yesterday.

Miss Kenniff made a lovely bride
in a gown of silver figured brocade
cut on classical lines, with a veil of
Honiton lace and a bouquet of
white gladioli and white asters.
Miss Joy Begdon and Miss Helene
Follows were her bridesmaids in
dresses of old gold satin and with
gold sequin headbands. They
carried bouquets of pale gold
gladioli.

Miss Shane Esmond made a
darling little flower girl in white
georgette with a victorian pose, and
was dutifully escorted by young
master Raymond Kite in a Stuart
kilt.

Among the guests present at the
church ceremony were many
smartly dressed ladies, and lots of
little Brownies who came to watch
their former "Brown Owl" become
Mrs. Piercy.

Mrs. Talbot, wife of Dr. Harry
Talbot, will be leaving for the
United States by air at the end of
this week with her two children,
Sharon and Susan.
Mrs. Talbot is taking nine
months' holiday, during which time
she will stay for a while in the
diaplanes with her parents, whom
she has not seen since she was
demobbed as a Wren Officer in
1940.

Waves from a passing warship
saw Commander Beeching and his
daughter Valerie off their yacht
"Melody" when they had just caught
the wind nicely during the race on
Saturday.

An RAF dinghy picked them up
after they had been clinging to the
keel and swimming around the up-
turned boat for some time. The
yacht finally went under.
Commander Beeching is a keen
yachtsman and, I am told, one of
the best in town. He is now try-
ing to locate "Melody," which be-
longed to him.

A delightful Dutch holiday was
observed on Saturday when about
thirty Dutch children went down to
the harbour to meet St Nicholas and
his two Black Peters, while they
sang the customary song, "I see
St Nicholas by boat."

St Nicholas Day is a great day
for children in Holland and more
keenly awaited than Christmas, for
it is then that the children receive
their presents and have a good time,
Christmas being a more solemn
occasion for them.

After the welcoming of St.
Nicholas, who was dressed in a red
satin cloak with gold braid, they
followed him up to the Helena May
Institute where their parents were
waiting for them.

St. Nicholas addressed the chil-
dren, told them what he hoped
about their misdeeds during the
year, and then, addressing them in-
dividually, and made them promise
to behave better than the year
which they agreed to do. He
gave them presents and chose the
naughtiest child to be put in a
sack to "take away." (One of the
older boys had previously volun-
teered for this.)

With their presents tucked under
their arms, they happily dispersed
till next year brings the patron
saint of children back to Hongkong.

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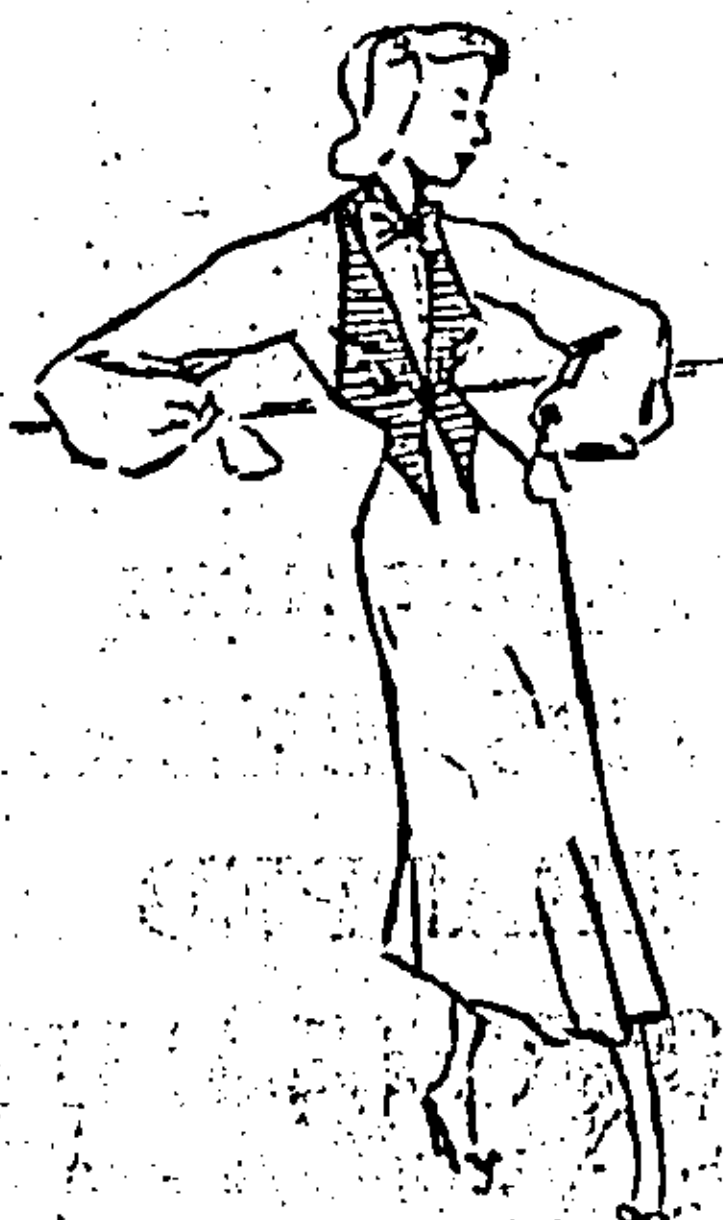
THE fundamental lines for
the coming season are de-
cided now, and there is
nothing you or I can do about it
but thoughtfully turn out our
clothes closet to look over last
year's favourites and see what
can be done to bring them right
up to date.

The severe good taste of London's
designers has been modified a bit
this season. The good taste remains;
it is the severity which has gone
with the austere times which caused
it. In other words the designers
have really let themselves go and
thoroughly enjoyed lavish trim-
mings, richness of velvet and satin,
and, particularly for evening wear,
wonderful glowing colour contrasts.

SO if the lines of your favourite
dress are not too demode, you
can easily give it a sharp flavour of
Hartnell or Worth by the judicious
application of new trimmings.

For instance, an understated shawl
collar of contrasting material can be
added to your tweed coat, and wide
bulky cuffs, caught in with a huge
button, in the new material will give
it that almost 1920 look which many
of the new country coats have this
season.

Braid embroidery is used exten-
sively on town suits; black on black
of course, but also black on red and
black on beige and the new mole
shades. Black and brown together
give a sophisticated and rich effect.



A BUTLER'S waistcoat creates
a smart effect. Make one in
heavy striped silk.

This does not mean that you are
now forgiven for running out your
black suit and an old pair of brown
shoes, or with brown shoes and
black gloves. Instead do as Worth
has done. That trimly cut town
suit in tobacco brown wool can have
for 1949 new black velvet lapels on
which you sew elaborate convolu-
tions of black silk braid. Your
gloves can be of velvet, braided,
your very simple hat can combine
the two colours, and all your acces-
sories will be firmly of the same
colour, either black or brown.

TURN up your coat collar and
tie a bright scarf under it.

One word of warning; this is a
very difficult thing to pull off, but
if your colouring is bright and your
skin clear and you feel confident
of success, believe me, nothing could
look more elegant.

Norman Hartnell's collection
naturally included much of the ex-
quisite embroidery he has made
world-famous. Now he combines in
his evening dresses arresting designs
in sequins and beads with the rich
colours of Persia, India and South
America.

While work of this kind must
generally be created by a master
hand, nevertheless, you may be able
to borrow something of the effect
with the bands of trimming and
sequin motifs you can buy at notion
counters. A wonderful evening
gown reminiscent of an Indian sari
in bronze silk was heavily embroi-
dered with bands of iridescent
bronze beads. On another ball
gown of white, orchid and violet
duchess satin he had embroidered
sprays of white lilacs across the
breast.

RAHVIS used embroidery too for
cocktails and evenings. She
showed in one model double cap
sleeves, embroidered with tiny
beads.

Michael Sherard and Rahvis are
two of London's leading designers
who have succumbed to Spanish
influence. Rahvis showed a black
Spanish tricorn hat with hanging
velvet scarf which was knotted be-
hind in two places, worn with a
tent-shaped coat of intense red.
Michael Sherard showed an evening
gown in "winter sunshine" yellow
with the bodice half covered in the
coarse black lattice lace worn in
every production of Carmen.
A very effective way of hiding signs
of wear.

He also edged a black pleated hat
with bobble fringe and trimmed his
matching gloves with the same. Very
fussy and elegant.
It may not be easy to lead in
fashion—for that one must be
inspired—but it is not difficult to
follow a good leader if we select
the most important trends and get
busy with a needle.

WARM WINTER PYJAMAS



Flannellette and ballerina pyjamas are cozy and ideal for these
nights. Left: pink striped flannellette, with a cotton jersey
kilt, embroidered top. The outfit flatters: comes in various stripe
patterns, such as stripes, grey and white with blue top, or green, grey
and white with pink top. Right: cotton ballerina pyjamas, with
purple neckline and V of contrasting colour. Comes in various
colours, but most popular are pink and white.

Short Hair The Newest Thing



Smart for daytime and evening, too, is this short coiffure
with a soft wave at the temple and over the ears.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE has been a marvellous
improvement in one type of
woman. We refer to the poor, faded
dear, who, unwilling to acknowledge
her birthdays and endeavouring to
disguise them, has been wearing the
long, flowing bob. The popularity
of the short cut persuaded her to
join with the shorties and what
a change there has been! She looks
smarter and neater and, what is
more to the point, she looks her age,
which is more seemly than efforts to
look like her daughter.

Hair stylists claim that the brief
trim is here to stay, that more
women are direct, but who can tell?
Fashions are ever in a state of
evolution, and that's just dandy.
Change is exciting, and it is, of course,
when everybody has taken to it,
the step-headers want some-
thing different.

A lot can be done with a four-
inch mop. You can be a flat-top, fluff

out ringlets around your ears, have
the hair chic, smooth and turned
under at the nape line.

If you like to be a fluffy round
head, do a sophisticated up swing
front, back and sides, letting the
hair fall in soft ringlets as they are
on the head of a baby who was born
with naturally curly tresses.

For casual everyday wear you can
have a side parting with cute little
sausage rolls on either side and a
larger roll across the back. This
mode is easily arranged—takes about
two minutes by the clock—and it is
becoming to nearly all faces, fat or
thin, long or short.

The trouble with the built-up
high hair do is that it makes some
women look top heavy, especially
the chunky little short girls. That
it makes women look older is a sure
guess. It belongs, by rights, to the
dignified middle-aged lady.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



A Food Parcel For Europe

IN a well-known Fifth Avenue
restaurant, the Chef and I
recently attended a money-saving
luncheon made up entirely of basic
foods. They were part of the
twenty-four-pound parcel being
sent to Europe by an organization
called S.A.F.E. (Save a Friend in
Europe). The service is known as
"Operation Vittles." These basic
foods, together with a few that may
be obtained locally, are enough to
feed two persons for a whole week.
The parcel contained 4 lbs. wheat
flour, 2 lbs. ham and bacon, 2 lbs.
margarine, 3/4 lb. coffee, 1 1/2 lbs.
oatmeal, 3/4 lb. rice, 1 lb. sugar,
1 lb. fruit marmalade, 1 lb. sweet
milk chocolate and 1 1/2 lbs.
cocoa.

These total some 40,000 calories,"
I observed, "but they are mostly
carbohydrates and fats. To make
these basic foods into balanced
meals, it will be necessary to add
fresh vegetables and greens, and
proteins such as fish, milk, some
fresh meat, eggs and dried beans
and peas, most of which may be ob-
tained in the countries to which the
foods are sent."

"When this is done, the meals can
be made quite interesting," re-
marked the Chef. "There must be
many families in other countries who
are finding it difficult to meet
their food bills. I think there is an
idea here that can help them keep
inside the budget. They could plan
to buy a similar list of supplies each
week, and supplement them with
reasonably priced, reasonable vegeta-
bles and fruits of their own local-
ity, meat, with fresh or dried eggs,
a little meat, some fish, dried peas or
beans, cheese and fresh evaporated
or dry skim milk."

"If the homemakers do careful
comparative shopping, and spend
enough time and patience they can
mainly can produce really good
meals at a fairly low budget price.
Even today, I am sure, they can
enjoy what is eleven times as
cheap as it is. I think our readers would
also like it."

DINNER

Blanchard: Herring with Baked

Onions

Fresh Vegetable Soup

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Dark Bread with Margarine

Panned Potatoes (Sliced)

Chocolate Pudding

Oatmeal Macaroons

Coffee or Tea

Milk (Children)

The local fresh foods needed are a
small cabbage, string beans, onions
and almost any vegetables for the
plentiful fresh vegetables for the
soup, and the chocolate pudding for
the pudding. The Chef said that the
Blanchard herring is easily obtain-
able, and it helps to make the meal
substantial by bringing up the
protein content. On the herring
could be omitted, and the meal could
start with a nice cream of vegetable
soup, made with milk.

The stuffed cabbage rolls are
filled with cooked rice mixed with
chopped ham or sausage, or a little
cooked bacon could be used. Or we
could use ground left-over cooked
lamb or mutton.

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Fresh Vegetable Soup

Caramelize (that is melt) 1 tsp.

sugar in a heavy kettle. Add 2 tsp.

cooking fat, 1/3 c. chopped onion, 1

c. diced carrot, 1/2 c. diced celery

and 1/2 c. diced turnip, slow-fry un-
til slightly browned. Then add 2

qts. cold water, 1 1/2 c. shredded cab-
bage, and the firm portion of 1 small

cucumber, diced. 1 tart apple, core
peeled and diced. 1 solid-pack

condensed tomatoes, 2 1/2 tsp. salt and a
few grains cayenne pepper. Cover

and simmer 1 hr. Serve in bouillon
cups or soup plates, with or without

a garnish of sour cream. If de-
sired 1 tsp. beef extract may be

added.

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Remove 12 large, fresh outer

leaves from a medium-sized cab-
bage. Place in a pan and pour over

boiling water. Let stand about 5

min. to become soft. Meanwhile, fine-
chop enough of the softened cab-
bage to make 1 c. Add 1 c. cooked

rice, 1/2 c. rolled oats, 1/2 c. minced
onion, 1/2 c. minced parsley, 1/2

tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, and 1 c.
chopped, cooked ham. Mix well.

Place the ingredients in a bowl, and

add a little milk. Place a roll of cab-
bage leaf, roll up, and put folded

side down in a kettle. Dust with salt

and pepper. Pour in boiling water

or soup, stock (if available), cover and

simmer 1 hr. Serve garnished with

cayenne, or ham, fat. Serve with

tomato sauce.

Oatmeal Macaroons

Beat 2 eggs light, then beat in 1/2

c. sugar. Add 1 tsp. malted butter

or margarine, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp.

vanilla and 2 1/2 c. raw rolled oats.

Drop by spoonfuls on a greased pan.

Shape into symmetrical rounds.

Bake 12 to 15 min. or until light

brown and crisp. In a moderate

oven, 375 F.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



COMMUNISTS PARADE—Portraits of Communist leaders are carried through the People's Square in Rome in a parade preceding a meeting to raise funds for the support of Communist newspapers.



WINS ALBERT MEDAL—Eleven-year-old David Western, a Boy Scout, of Acton, London, shows his Albert Medal to his sister and cousin outside Buckingham Palace after his investiture by HM the King. David won the award for rescuing a companion who fell through the ice while skating on a frozen lake.



TELEVISION PUPPET—Jolo, the clown, is one of the characters in a puppet show which is being televised in serial form in New York.



FOG IN PARIS—Many parts of Western Europe were under unusually thick fog last week. This picture was taken at night in a park in Paris.



A FRIENDLY PAW—Lassie, the famous collie of the films, extends a friendly paw to a calf on a visit to a farm. Lassie was acquired by Rudd Weatherwax in exchange for a \$10 bill for board.

NEW BOYS' TOWN
H. E. A. D.—Monsignor Nicolas H. Wegner, new director of Boys' Town in succession to Father Flanagan, the founder, who died recently, greets one of the boys in the gymnasium of the famous Nebraska settlement.



JOHN DOE AND JUNIOR—John Doe, whose name got him into all sorts of complications, photographed at his home in Bad Axe, Michigan, with son, John Jr. In order to cash a pay cheque, John Doe once had to get a special letter from the factory where he worked.



LONDON FESTIVAL SITE—Rubble from war-torn buildings is being cleared from the south bank of the Thames to provide a site for the London Festival, planned for 1951.



POWERED PIONEER BLIMP—An 11-foot propeller and 20-horsepower engine from the U.S. Army's first blimp were exhibited recently in connection with the first anniversary of the U.S. Air Force becoming a separate arms of defence.



APPEAL TO ALLAH—Arabs kneel to pray after the surrender of Majdal to the Jewish forces. Majdal is an industrial centre of 7,000 inhabitants, predominantly Arab, on the Palestine coast north of Gaza.

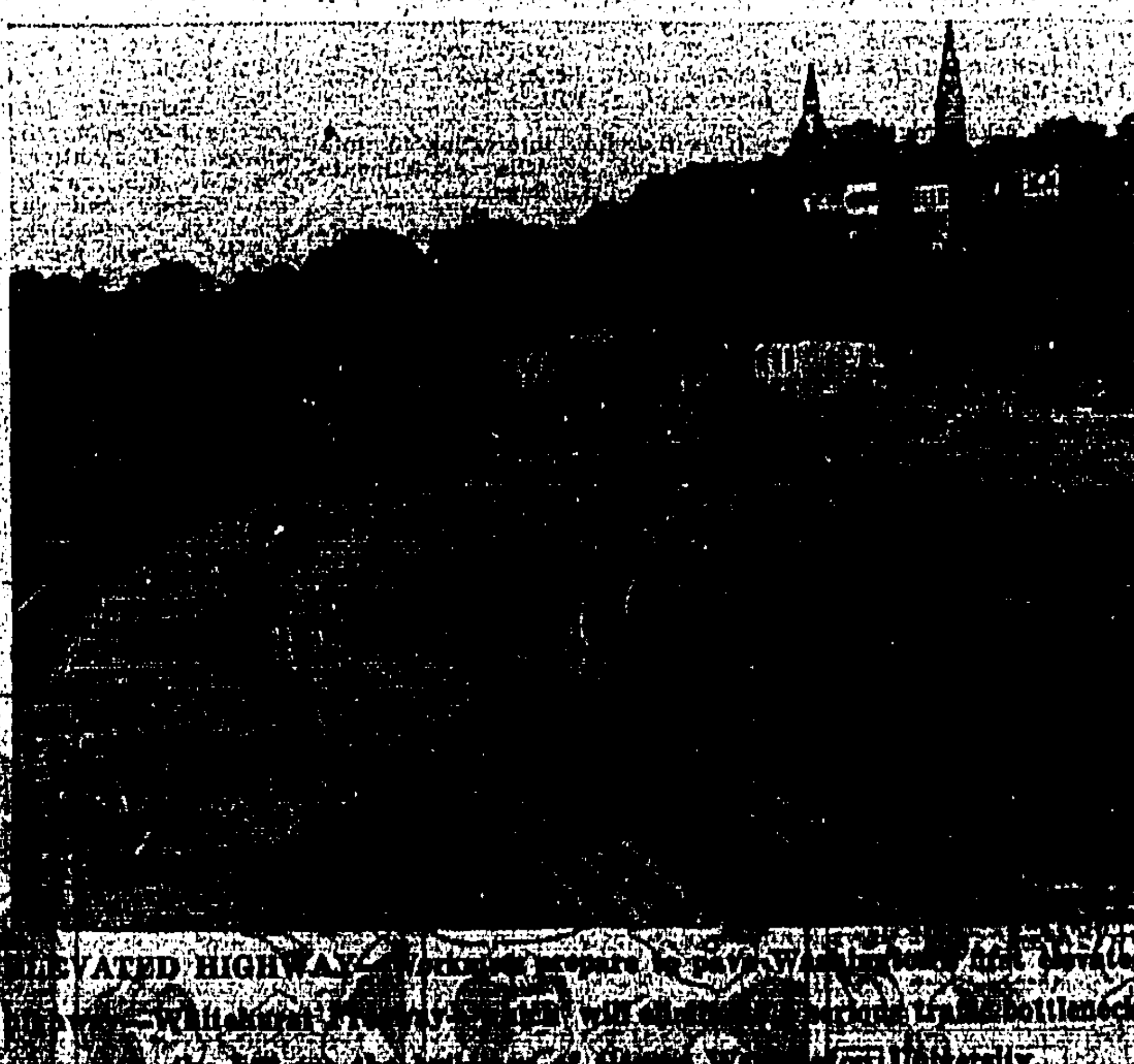
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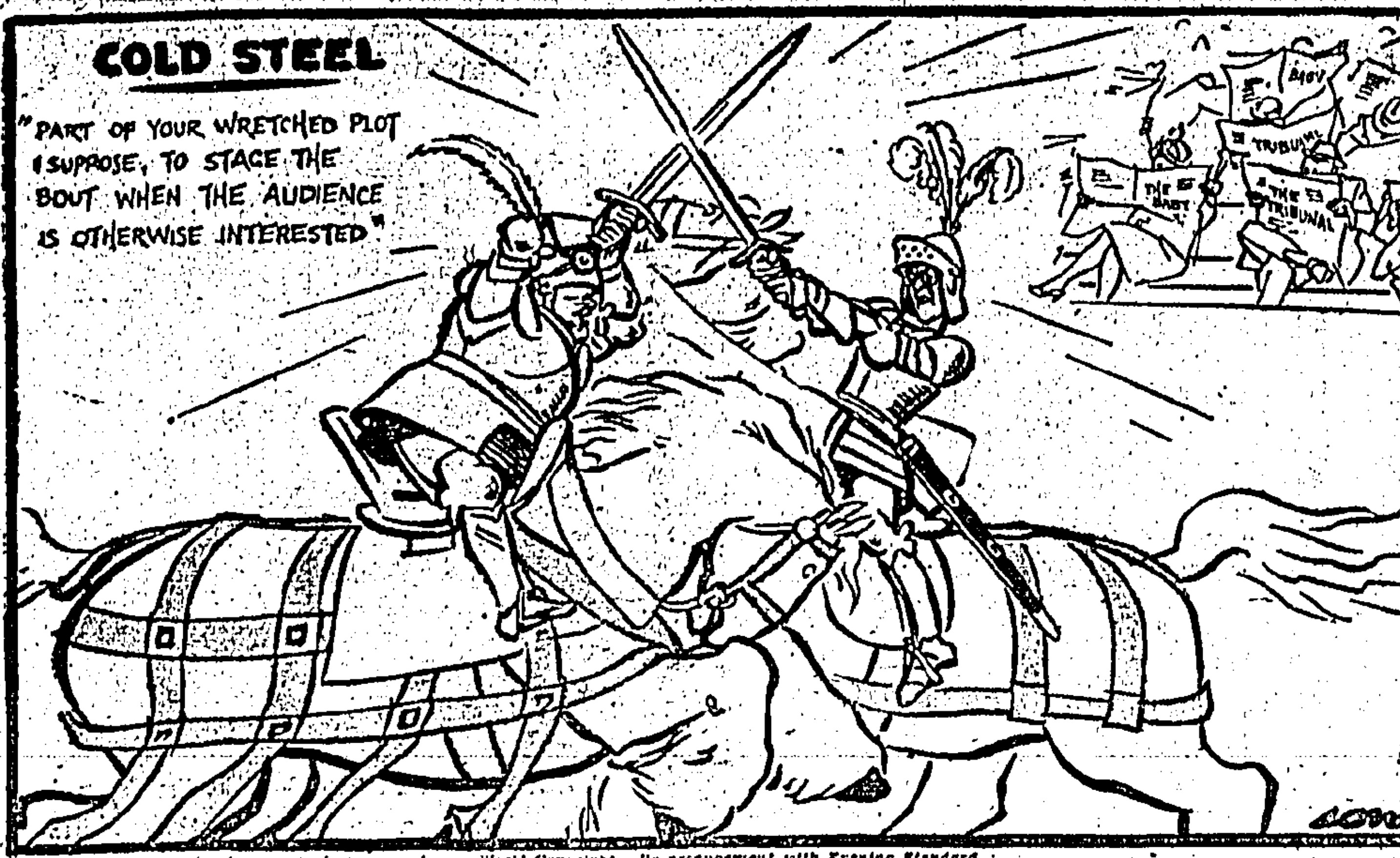
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE Sparrow and his wife sat shivering in the rain gutter of Grand Hotel-by-the-Sea. The Sparrow, who had been hopping round the cocktail bar, dipping his beak into a few glasses, was in a near-tender mood.

"Happy?" he asked, touching her work-worn claw with his.

"Oh, ever so happy," said his wife. The northeast wind ruffled her dingy feathers. "I think it's ever such a lovely place, don't you?"

"It has its points," said the Sparrow, thinking of the cocktail bar. "Cold?"

"Oh, I don't mind the cold," said the Sparrow, and he dropped exhausted into the Other Sparrow's Nest. Sanctuary from Hell-on-Spa.

"The return of the happy holiday maker?" asked the Other Sparrow.

"My little wheel of industry!" said the Sparrow, taking her manacled claw in his. "I've got to keep you turning."

"Besides, we're cosy together, aren't we?"

"I'd feel colder inside," said the Sparrow, thumping his little chest.

"And I love the sea," said his wife, her beady eyes watering as she stared at the grey, windy mass of nothing.

"Why?" asked the Sparrow.

"Oh, I don't know. I expect I love it because it's so mysterious."

"What's so mysterious about it?" asked the Sparrow.

"Well, I mean, we don't know anything about it, do we?"

"We know it's cold and salt and wet and full of fish," said the Sparrow.

"You're not a bit romantic, are you?"

"No," said the Sparrow, "but I'm glad you're so happy here."

"Oh, I think it's ever so lovely," said his wife, "and I think it's ever so sweet of you to bring me here."

"Good," said the Sparrow. "In that case you won't mind if I leave you for a few days."

"Leave me?" asked his wife, a tear starting in her eye. "What ever for?"

"Business," said the Sparrow.

"Business," repeated his wife, "but I thought you were on holiday."

"Some of us are never on holiday," said the Sparrow. "While others play some of us must keep the wheels of industry turning."

"You wouldn't know a wheel of industry if you saw one," said his wife, the tear rolling down her beak.

"Men must work and women must weep," said the Sparrow, diving into the cocktail bar before he flew unsteadily towards London.

Interference with nature by scientists has already brought the entire world near the brink of disaster. The discovery of atomic energy is nothing but the supreme interference with nature—the disintegration of matter and the stuff of which the earth is made.

A few more experiments by the so-called poultry scientists will destroy the stuff of which eggs are made. It is only another step towards the destruction of cattle, grain, and all the fruits of the earth.

From our point of view, the experiments are already a disaster.

You have only to imagine the embarrassment of a hen laying eggs without shells, the humiliation of a cock trying to lay eggs at all, and the profound misery and frustration of those who are not aware if they are cocks or hens and are denied all normal family life, to realize that this is a poor reward for the magnificent egg laying effort on inadequate rations which British poultry maintained during the war.

Hoping your wife and family are well. I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. HEN.

Party conversation

MARGARET'S father's trying to organize an alcoholic Olympic games to prove to the world that she is still unbeatable at something.

"As soon as there's a shortage of anything everybody wants it. After saying 'smoking' was unwomanly for 50 years my grandmother's asking for cigarettes now."

"The silly thing about cigarettes is that there's no flavour in them. All you ever get from them is a filthy cough."

"In Margaret's father's Alcoholic Olympics he's going to have a pen-fall. Competitors will drink a double and run a mile, drink two doubles and jump a hurdle, drink three doubles and ride a bicycle, drink four doubles and swim a furlong at the Athenium, drink five doubles and try to walk home."

"My husband says that one of the brutal inequalities of life is that women hardly ever get a cigarette cough and hardly ever get a husband who says they hardly ever get what ought to be coming to them."

America Ready For Austerity

By FREDERICK COOK

AMERICA is on the verge of her most tremendous decision since she broke away from Britain. After 172 years of trying to live by herself in majestic solitude, safe behind her oceans, she is now about to make open confession that it cannot be done.

Signature of the North Atlantic defensive alliance, now a certainty when negotiations in Washington are completed, means just that.

Isolationism is dead. America admits it in her decision to come into the Western alliance.

The change is not of Mr. Truman's making, but has been wrought by the American people, alone and unaided.

Mr. Truman has caught the Roosevelt trick of standing aside, leaving the people to think out their own problems, and leading them when they have chosen the direction they wish to take.

He now prepares to act by their direct order, as expressed in the mandate they have given him at the polls.

How is America taking it, this immense reversal of policy? She goes into it with her eyes open. There will be no turning back.

This is the position as the Americans see it: The five signatories of the Brussels Treaty—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg—have shown their willingness to act as a team by concerning their economic, military and cultural interests.

With full endorsement of the State Department, they have been drafting the basis of a mutual defence pact. They have invited America and Canada to come in.

This invitation has been accepted. And in time, it is hoped here, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Portugal and perhaps Sweden will also join in.

ACTED PROMPTLY

PRESIDENT Truman has acted promptly to fulfil the "orders" handed to him by the electorate, which may be paraphrased thus:

"Get busy on peace. Tie us in with this North Atlantic security business. Strengthen the United Nations. Throw our full weight behind the move, without reservations, and do it now while there is time."

Harry Truman is doing that. His authorisation of final negotiations show that he is not going to be timid.

Low is right: a new, more confident Truman steps on the world stage.

Peace-time Lend-Lease on a vast scale now becomes a certainty. America will dig deeply into the national pocket to back her soon-to-be official Allies in building their defences and hers.

Taxes will go up. An excess profits tax is a 20-to-1 bet.

America will get a self-administered dose of austerity: not severe, perhaps, but a taste of what others have swallowed in large gulps.

One reservation remains in America's mind. They are not embarking on war preparations against anyone. They are taking defensive steps, not offensive.

And they are taking them, as far as possible, within the framework of the United Nations. America still has faith in the Charter, and is giving it a new chance to work.

'QUIET!' BLAMED FOR DULL PUPILS

By JAMES BARTLETT

TEACHERS who tell their class to "be quiet" are told and don't chatter about it" are blamed by an Australian expert for making bright children "nervous and dull."

In her book published recently, Miss Zoe Benjamin, who lectures on child study at Sydney University, blames the teacher as much as the parent for bringing up a child badly.

Even when everything in the home is going well, the emotional problems of children can grow to elephant size because their school is badly run. Miss Benjamin says:

"Except in rare schools the children are not allowed to speak to one another, to discuss their work, or to help a weaker classmate during lessons."

"Is it any wonder that many children find school such a cramping and uninteresting experience that they become 'difficult'?"

She shows that when you come across a little beast whose great joy is to make your life a misery, the real culprit is his mother, father, or teacher. She condemns—

THE MOTHER who expects a house with children to look as "unlived-in" as if there were no children living there at all.

THE TEASING FATHER who is a common menace who teases his children.

Emotional Problems of Childhood, by Zoe Benjamin, London, Universal Press, 12s. 6d.

children and says that "it makes them tough and teaches them to chatter about it" for themselves."

THE THOUGHTLESS TEACHER who says to a boy who is not too good at spelling: "Well, John, how many mistakes are you going to make today?"

This discourages young John from the outset. It is important not to give the child an impression that you expect him to fail.

Miss Benjamin gives the advice. MOTHER should never utter the threat: "I'll tell your father!"

"I'll tell your father!" makes father's return home a dread instead of a pleasure. And the threat gives a bad impression which might last a lifetime.

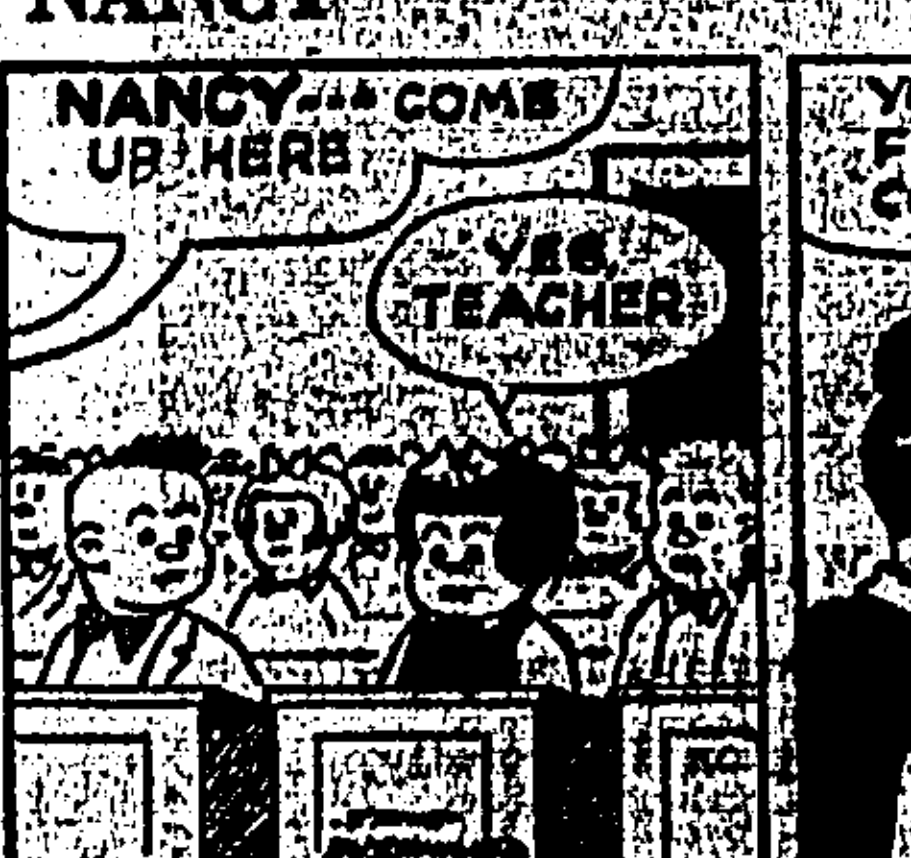
FATHER should not go out and play golf when he has a chance to push the pram. The more he sees of his baby the better they'll get on together when the baby grows up.

He can make skittles of empty bottles, give his children real tools so that they can help in mending things about the place, take them out with him.

But there are words of comfort for parents in a foreword written by a professor in Sydney University. He says: "Children, given sufficient space of their own and playmate, may be left healthily to solve their own problems."

This might be father's excuse to get out for a game of golf after all.

NANCY Happy Landings



By Ernie Bushmiller



INTER-VARSITY RUGGER

DARK BLUES WIN

London, Dec. 7.—After one of the finest inter-Varsity matches of all-time, Oxford beat Cambridge by 14 points (one goal, one dropped goal and two tries) to 8 points (one goal, and one penalty goal) before 35,000 wildly excited rugger fans at Twickenham this afternoon.

No quarter was given by either side and these students showed how rugby football should be played, although a high and gusty wind made conditions difficult.

Oxford, playing with the wind in the first half, led by 11 points to nil, but the Light Blues, far from being benten, made a determined comeback when the teams changed ends, and in a hectic 20 minutes they reduced the lead to 11-8.

It was now anyone's game, but a brilliant try, which will ever be remembered on this famous ground, by the South African three-quarter, C. B. Van Ryneveld, who dribbled 70 yards to go over spectacularly, decided things.

Cambridge, however, were still far from beaten, and when the whistle went it was they who were on the attack.

Oxford were supposedly weak at half, for which reason Cambridge started slight favourites, but it was the strength of the halfback division, the brilliance of the South African stand-off half, M. Haffey, which just weighted the balance in favour of Oxford.

The Dark Blues were also splendidly served by their half-back, R. Stewart, Empire players, with R. Stewart, at New Zealand, at fullback, in tremendous form.

For the Light Blues, W. B. Holmes was also a great fullback, while J. A. G. Williams, a Welshman, was brilliant at forward.

HOW SCORING WENT
This was how the scoring went. In the fourth minute, the South African, Haffey, coolly dropped a lovely goal from between 40 and 50 yards.

It was the same player who initiated the movement which enabled the Oxford forward, K. Gill, to cross the Cambridge line in the 21st minute.

Stewart added the points from an awkward angle.

In the 28th minute the English international three-quarter, L. B.

Cannell, really earned the try which Van Ryneveld touched down.

In the second half, the Welsh international, Gwyn Davies, at stand-off half, ran 30 yards to touch down for Cambridge, and Holmes added the points.

This score came in the 10th minute after Cambridge had been attacking strongly.

Seven minutes later, Holmes kicked a penalty for Cambridge to make the score 11-8, then in the 32nd minute came the amazing dribble by Van Ryneveld to make the scores 14-8.—Reuter.

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CHAMP SIZES UP BIVINS



Joe Louis (left) says Jimmy Bivins (right) could be a contender for Joe's heavyweight title "if he gets serious about his training." They are shown sparring in the fifth of their six-round exhibition in Cleveland, using 12 ounce gloves. Joe remarked Bivins was the best opponent he's had thus far in his current exhibition tour.—AP Wirephoto.

"Sugar Ray" Robinson Abandons Welterweight Championship

By JACK CUDDY

New York, Dec. 7.—"Sugar" Robinson will give up his world welterweight championship on or before Dec. 28. Never again will he defend the 147-pound crown. Sugar Ray, one of the greatest all-around fighters in ring history, is unwilling to risk for the sake of his title—the fate that befell the late Joe Gans, another great Negro champion.

Gans, who held the lightweight championship from 1902 to 1909, died of tuberculosis in 1910. It is common knowledge in the fight game that "the old master" of Baltimore became a victim of the disease after weakening himself too long by paring down to the lightweight limit, which then was 133 pounds.

HAS A DREAD

Although Robinson is not tubercular, he has a dread of the disease that takes a heavy toll in humanity. He has had a dread of the disease since he was a boy.

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AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MUSTER

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION SPEAKS UP FOR QUIST

By JUSTIN ARTHUR

The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, ruling body in Australian tennis, has brought up the question of Australian newspaper criticism of the slide led by Adrian Quist in the challenge round against America the past summer which failed to win a single match.

Mr H. A. Pitt, chairman of the association's council, at the October meeting said that the presentation to Quist by the members of a bound testimonial obviously meant that United States officials objected to "unfair" criticism of the team by sections of the Australian press, and they had thus expressed their appreciation of the Australians, whom they considered to be the equal of any team ever to visit the United States.

The testimonial, bound in leather and given personally to Quist, praised the conduct, sportsmanship and ability of the Australians; it was the first testimonial ever given by an overseas tennis association to an Australian Davis Cup team captain.

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SQUASH RACKETS

British Team For Wolfe-Noel Cup

London, Dec. 7.—Janet Morgan, runner-up in the British women's squash rackets championship, tops a six-girl team that will defend the Wolfe-Noel Cup against the United States in Philadelphia on February 23.

Competition for the Cup started between the two countries in 1933 and was won by Britain. Matches were played annually, Britain winning the last in London in 1939.

Captain and Manager of the Cup defenders will be Mrs Susan Powell. The others include Mrs Alice Teague, Margaret Carlisle and Betty Cooke. A sixth player will be named later.

Britain's women champion, Joan Curry, was unable to accept an invitation to play.

The team is scheduled to sail on January 20 in the liner "Britannic" for New York and will return on the "Media" on March 1.

Beside the Cup matches, a best-of-five games, the Britishers will enter the United States National Squash Rackets Championships at Boston on February 14.—Associated Press.

SUNDAY HOCKEY PROGRAMME

The following are the Hongkong Hockey Association fixtures for next Sunday:

HK Police v RAF, King's Park RNRCC (2), 10 a.m. (Umpires, S. B. P. O. Yeomans, P. K. Xavier).

Civil Service v Cable & Wireless, King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m. (Umpires, Mr. Morris, E. R. L. Miller).

Dutch HC v Army, Sookumpoo, 10 a.m. (Umpires, G. X. Palmer, Yeo, Sigi, Gater).

Dockyard RC v Khalsa, King's Park RNRCC (1), 10 a.m. (Umpires, D. T. Smith, Mr. Duce, J. B. J.).

Club de Recreation v YMCA, King's Park, 10 a.m. (Umpires, J. S. Grewal, S. B. P. O. Shaw).

University v Navy, postponed until Sunday, December 13.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (Lat. Ex. 17) before 3 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

Club secretaries of all civilian teams are requested to forward to the secretary, S.H.P.O., the names of the players before January 1, a complete nominal list of all players registered with their club.

Badminton League

The following is tonight's programme of matches in the Men's Doubles "B" Division of the Badminton League:

Section "A"
KCC v St. Teresa's

Section "B"
St. John's v VRC "A"

Section "C"
St. John's v VRC "B"

Section "D"
St. John's v VRC "C"

Section "E"
St. John's v VRC "D"

Section "F"
St. John's v VRC "E"

TESTIMONIAL MATCH

The Don's Farewell

Melbourne, Dec. 7.—Don Bradman said farewell to first class cricket today with one of his less glorious efforts—he was out for 10 in his testimonial match, which ended in a tie, his side being 402 for 9 when stumps were drawn.

But Bradman had already left his mark with a century in the first innings and a brief successful spell as a bowler.

The 7,000 spectators who turned up for the last day's play did not have to wait long to see their hero. Needing 403 runs in five and a half hours to win, Bradman's team lost Ken Meuleman when the total was only 12.

Then came Bradman for his final fling and he was cheered all the way to the wicket. He opened quickly with his usual push to leg for a single, but he failed to get going and after a quiet knock for 10 was caught at the wicket by Siggers, off Bill Johnston's bowling.

In 336 innings (43 times not out) Bradman scored 27,984 runs at an average of 95.5. He hit 117 centuries, including 37 double hundreds.

Where Bradman left off, his probable successor as Australia's Test captain, the young left-hander, Arthur Morris, carried on with a brilliant century. Hitting out after Bradman's dismissal, Morris scored 108, including a sixer and 14 fours, in 135 minutes.—Reuter.

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